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SUBJ: GULF FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE: AGENDA AND PARTICIPATION

REF: KUWAIT 3898

1. RUZOUQI'S COMMENTS RE IRANN-IRAQ BORDER AND SECURITY ISSUES
PUZZLE US. RECENT VISIT BY IRAQ MFA UNDERSECRETARY AND EVENTS
OF PAST THREE MONTHS, INCLUDING FINAL RATIFICATION OF IRAN-
IRAQ ACCORDS ON BORDER AND NAVIGATION ISSUES HAS SEEMED TO
INDICATE TO IRANIANS AS WELL AS TO EMBASSY THAT IRAN-IRAQ
RELATIONS ARE PROBABLY BETTER NOW THAN AN ANY TIME SINCE IRAQI
REVOLUTION.

2. OUTSTANDING BORDER ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED, ARRANGEMENTS
FOR IRANIAN PILGRIMAGES TO IRAQI RELIGIOUS SHRINES ARE IN
EFFECT, AND IRAQ HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ALLOW IRANIANS
WHO WERE EXPELLED EITHER TO RETURN TO IRAQ AND REGAIN THEIR
PROPERTY OR TO APPLY FOR COMPENSATION.

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3. FOREGOING DOES NOT MEAN ALL IS SWEETNESS AND LIGHT BETWEEN

TEHRAN AND BAGHDAD. MUTUAL SUSPICIONS STILL EXIST, AND TWO COUNTRIES STILL APPEAR FAR APART ON WHAT MIGHT CONSTITUTE APPROPRIATE GULF SECURITY MEASURES, BUT FROM IRANIAN VIEWPOINT, OVERALL RECONCILIATION IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE KUWAIT'S THOUGHTS ON WHAT LIES BEHIND RUZOUQI ATTITUDE EXPRESSED REFTEL.
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